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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE IN REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 1, 2006

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2006. The period for responding to the Office Action presently outstanding has been extended by petition and appropriate fee. Please amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.